

DECLARATION

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We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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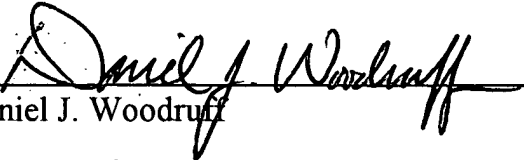
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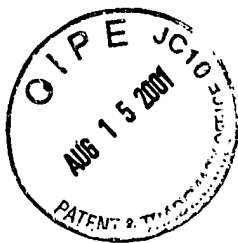
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John M. Pedersen, Jeremy Willey and Daniel J. Woodruff
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Filed : March 30, 2001
For : DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS FOR MAKING
DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, AND PLATING MACHINES
WITH DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR PLATING
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES

Docket No. : 291958101US

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Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73

AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

Assignee hereby appoints JERRY A. RIEDINGER, Registration No. 30,582; MAURICE J. PIRIO, Registration No. 33,273; MICHAEL D. BROADDUS, Registration No. 41,637; CATHERINE HONG TRAN, Registration No. 43,960; ROBERT G. WOOLSTON, Registration No. 37,263; PAUL T. PARKER, Registration No. 38,264; JOHN M. WECHKIN, Registration No. 42,216; CHRISTOPHER DALEY-WATSON, Registration No. 34,807; STEVEN D. LAWRENZ, Registration No. 37,376; JAMES A.D. WHITE, Registration No. 43,985; EDWARD S. HOTCHKISS, Registration No. 33,904; JAMES NICKELSON, Registration No. 46,140; and MARK A. THOMAS,

Registration No. 37,953, all of Perkins Coie LLP, and HARRY M. CROSS, JR., Registration No. 22,229, as the principal attorneys with full power of substitution, association, and revocation to prosecute said application, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to receive the letters patent therefor. Please direct all correspondence to Customer Number 25096.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Semitool, Inc. filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Semitool, Inc.

William A. Freeman

Senior Vice President, Finance and CFO

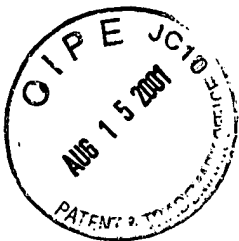
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Semitool Number: P01-0008

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Date:

Reel:

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Semitool, Inc. (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Montana, having a place of business at 655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell, Montana 59901, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 30, 2001, and is entitled **"DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS FOR MAKING DRY CONTACT**

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AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

John M. Pedersen
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Date: 6-18-01

STATE OF MONTANA)

) ss.

County of Flathead)

BEFORE ME, this 18 day of June, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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Notary or Consular Officer Eric R. R. Ne

My Commission Expires March 20, 2004

Jeremy Willey Date: _____

STATE OF MONTANA)

) ss.

County of _____)

BEFORE ME, this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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Notary or Consular Officer_____



Jeremy Willey

Date: 5/26/01

STATE OF MONTANA) *Oregon 4/24/60*
) ss.

BEFORE ME, this 26th day of June, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 27, 2003

Daniel J. Woodruff

STATE OF MONTANA)

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